

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Updates

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Breaking News

First Clients Enrolled into Adults without Dependent Children (AwDC)

The Department moved more than 6,000 people from the <u>Adults without Dependent Children program (AwDC)</u> waitlist into benefits in mid-May. Because fewer than 10,000 were determined eligible, all individuals on the waitlist were enrolled in the program. County and community partners are encouraged to continue processing AwDC applications and potential clients are encouraged to continue applying.

Applicants who apply, and are determined eligible, will continue to be placed on the waitlist for the early June statewide randomized member selection process. This process will repeat each month to fill any of the vacant 10,000 slots, or as people drop off the program.

For more information, please contact <u>Susan Mathieu</u> or <u>Andrea Skubal</u> or visit <u>www.colorado.gov/hcpf/awdc</u>.

CHP+ Copayments Increase

Effective July 1, 2012, there will be an increase in copayment amounts for <u>some</u> CHP+ clients. Clients in the State Managed Care Network will receive new member ID cards in mid-June which will list their new copayment amounts. Clients in other managed care organizations will receive information about copayments from their individual plans.

To help clients and stakeholders stay current on the changes, the Department has posted a <u>Summary of Copayment Changes on the CHP+ Web page</u>. Please visit the Web page often between now and July 1, 2012 for Department updates, sample letters to clients and other resources.

For more information, regarding the SMCN please contact <u>Alan Kislowitz</u>. For all other health plans contact <u>Teresa Craig</u>.

Be Heard by CMS

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS, has asked for comments on a proposed Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)' rule. **The deadline for comments is July 2, 2012.**

Please click here for CMS documents.

Guidelines

- CMS comments about HCBS settings begin on page 26,378 (middle column) of the document
- CMS proposed rule language begins on page 26,398 (bottom of right column); note the proposed language about HCBS settings in §441.530 on page 26,400 (bottom of center column)

Sending a copy of your comments to us will allow us to understand your concerns and views on the proposed rules. Comments will be distributed amongst Department staff. Please send your comments to John Barry.

If you would like more information, please contact John Barry.

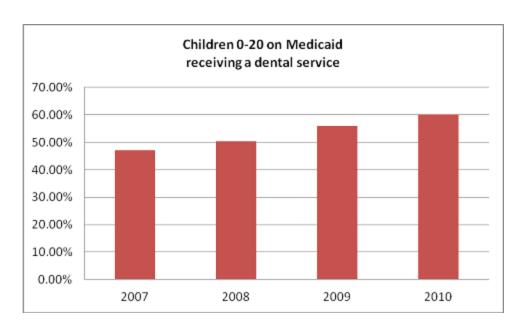
Improving Health Outcomes

Accountable Care Collaborative Update

The <u>Accountable Care Collaborative</u> has more than 125,000 clients and over 1,700 individual providers.

Increased Dental Visits

The Department has recently calculated trends in oral health services for children on Medicaid. Trends from 2007 show increases in the number of children on Medicaid who receive dental services. This success can be attributed to effective oral health partnerships, increasing access to dental providers around the state, and health promotion efforts which emphasize oral health care for children and youth.



Improving Long-Term Care Supports and Services

Long-Term Care Advisory Committee Meeting

The Long Term Care Advisory Committee (LTCAC) meets in Denver on Tuesday, June 5, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 225 E. 16th Avenue, first floor conference room. The LTCAC members represent long-term services and supports' stakeholders; you can contact them through the LTCAC Member Contact List. All LTCAC meetings include time for public comment. Stakeholders are welcome to participate in person or by telephone. Click here for meeting materials and call-in information.

For more information or to be added to the LTCAC email distribution list, please contact <u>John</u> <u>Barry</u>.

Colorado Choice Transitions

The <u>Colorado Choice Transitions</u> (CCT) team is making progress in launching the CCT program. When it does, we want to ensure the successful transition to community living for potential clients. While we were hoping to start the program on July 1, 2012, it will not be launched until the fall of 2012.

The primary reason for the delay is to allow sufficient time for stakeholders to review the draft CCT rule and provide feedback prior to its initial presentation to the Medical Services Board (MSB). The CCT team will present the rule at the MSB meeting on June 8, 2012.

Another reason for the delay is that we are behind schedule in completing the programming of our information management systems. These systems are necessary for effectively managing the grant program.

We look forward to a continued partnership in shaping an excellent overall experience for each client who enrolls in the program.



Welcome Kathy Cebuhar, CCT Community Liaison

Kathy Cebuhar has joined the Division of Long-Term Services and Supports Strategy division as the Community Liaison for Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT). She will be focusing on providing outreach and training for the CCT program. Kathy has over six years of professional counseling experience, and non-profit work experience. She has extensive clinical experience in the areas of major mental illness and substance abuse counseling.

Kathy was the Program Supervisor for an assisted living facility with the Mental Health Partners in Boulder, where she created and implemented a Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program for the residents of the facility. Most recently, Kathy contributed to the launch of the Recovery in a Secured Environment (RISE) program with the Council on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. RISE provided intensive outpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation services to women in the Denver County Jail. This program was the second of its kind in the United States. In addition to her clinical skills and programmatic development experience, she has been an advocate for people seeking self-sufficiency and independence in their lives for many years. Click here to email Kathy.

Increasing the Number of Insured Coloradans

The Department is announcing two programs aimed at making it easier for Coloradoans to apply for Medicaid or CHP+ through the <u>Program Eligibility and Application Kit</u> (PEAK). The two programs may sound similar, but are different:

PEAK Outreach Project

The Department, through funding from the HRSA SHAP grant, has developed the Program Eligibility Application Kit (PEAK) Outreach Project with the purpose of increasing the accessibility to the PEAK Website for Coloradans.

The Department is issuing a Request for Applications making funds available to community-based organizations to purchase and place desktop computers, laptops, or tablet computers, for example, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, at their locations in order to increase the accessibility for Coloradans to access the PEAK Website.

The maximum funds that can be requested are:

Desktop Computer - \$750.00 Laptop - \$1,000.00 Tablet Computer - \$750.00

Applications for this program are due no later than June 11, 2012.

<u>Click here</u> for more information about the PEAK Outreach Project, or contact <u>Dave</u>
<u>Ducharme</u>.

Laptops for Libraries

The Department, the Colorado Department of Education, and Boulder County PEAK Outreach Team have partnered to provide "Laptops for Libraries." The purpose of this project is to assist the Department's efforts to increase enrollment in Colorado Medicaid and CHP+ through the use of the Program Eligibility Application Kit .We recognize that placing laptops in community organizations, such as libraries, increases the accessibility for Coloradoans to apply for Medicaid, CHP+, and food and cash assistance programs.

Trained librarians and library staff will be able to assist people with PEAK in the library setting. Laptops and outreach material will be available and libraries will allow people to reserve a laptop, to apply for PEAK in a quiet location.

This project has begun implementation and so far we are planning to contract with up to 75 libraries. All libraries should have laptops available for public use by June 15, 2012. For more information contact <u>Cindi Terra</u>.

Health Care Reform Summit

The Health Care Reform Implementation, Health and Human Services Summit was held May 14-15. The summit provided an overview of the Affordable Care



A packed house at the summit.

Act (ACA) provisions and Colorado's vision for expanded insurance coverage and more effective, efficient and elegant delivery of health care services for the state. Presenters also covered planned changes to eligibility processes and caseloads for Medicaid and CHP+, planned technology and organizational changes to support ACA provisions for expanded health care coverage, and potential impacts on county health and human service agencies.

There were approximately 250 attendees including participants from county offices, public health organizations, community-based organizations and state agencies.

Please click <u>here</u> for presentations from the summit.



Healthy Living Initiatives

Correct Coding Helps Kids and Providers

Medicaid clients in Colorado (ages 11-20) are eligible for depression screening at a provider visit every year. Correct coding helps providers document an effective care coordination process. The Department is looking for ways to incentivize and encourage providers to effectively manage their clients' care.

Use **CPT code 99420**; submit claims for reimbursement for administering standardized assessment tools to **screen annually** for depression in adolescents ages 11-20.

Please use one of the CPT codes below in conjunction with a diagnostic code:

- V40.9 (for a positive screen), or
- V79.8 (for a negative screen).

The current reimbursement as of May 20, 2012 is \$10.08. For more information, please refer to the <u>July 2011 Provider Bulletin</u>. You must use a standardized, validated depression screening tool such as the PHQ-9, Columbia Depression Scale, Beck Depression Inventory, and Kutcher Adolescent Depression Scale.

For more information on referring teens to a Behavioral Health Organization, please refer to the tool kits on our Healthy Living web page.

Screening for depression and other mental illnesses has been shown to be a safe and effective method of early identification of mental illness and youth suicide prevention. For more information please contact <u>Lisa Waugh</u>.

Program Rules

The <u>Medical Services Board</u> (Board) is responsible for adopting regulations that govern the Department's programs. Members of the Board represent various areas of health care services and contact information and member biographies are available at <u>About the Board</u>.

Regular meetings of the Board are scheduled in Denver the second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at 225 East 16th Avenue, 6th floor conference room. Board meetings are open to the public and Board members welcome testimony from the community.

Meeting agendas and draft copies of proposed rules are posted to the Department web site one week prior to each meeting and can be accessed on the <u>Meeting Schedule</u> page. For those who can't attend meetings in person, a live audio broadcast of Board meetings is available and is accessible on the <u>Live Broadcast</u> web page.

Stakeholders who are interested in a one-on-one discussion with Department staff about upcoming rules are invited to attend the Department's Public Rule Review Meeting. Information is available on the Public Rule Review Meetings web page. Reasonable accommodations for the meetings are provided upon request for persons with disabilities. For more information or to be added to the Board email distribution list for updates on Board

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Employment Opportunities

Applying for state jobs has just become easier! Applications are electronic, you will receive updates, and you do not need to answer any written questions until it is determined that you meet the minimum qualifications. Check out the new Web site and our job openings.

The Department offers a competitive benefits package that includes the Public Employees' Retirement Account (PERA), a 401K or 457 retirement plan, health and dental insurance options, 10 holidays, and accrual of paid sick and vacation time.

The Department is a tobacco-free campus.

Enrollment

In April 2012 there were 630,699 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 86,282 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's <u>Budget</u> Web page.

